

THE STATE LIBRARY LAWS.

Secretary Dewey Makes a Digest of Them as Amended by the Laws of Last Winter.

ALBANY, Aug. 31.—Secretary Alvahine Dewey has just issued a digest of the library laws of this State, with special reference to the laws of last winter, when the Legislature enacted the library laws, which may be briefly described as follows:

1. A General Library Law.—Sections 35, 51 of the University law, chapter 378, remove the reproach that New York had about the worst laws of any State in the Union for establishing and maintaining free public libraries, and give it the distinction of having the best statutes on that subject. This law was drafted with great care after comparing the laws of all the other States.

2. Authorizing Library Trusts.—Chapter 518 provides with great care against such calamities as the loss of the Tilden library bequest. It authorizes the creation of trusts, and provides that when a citizen shall undertake to give his wealth for the benefit of his fellow men it shall not be lost on some legal technicality.

3. School Library Law.—Chapter 573.—In 1838 New York started a system of district public libraries, which give great promise of usefulness. Seventeen other States copied the plan, but for lack of proper supervision and central administrative control have largely given up the idea. This State has about \$30,000,000 on this plan, and instead of the best, makes one of the poorest showings among the public libraries in the Union. The State entirely fails with the abuses and faults of the old system. The district libraries were for the public, and were administered by the school trustees, kept in the buildings, and shall be strictly school libraries.

Mr. Dewey says that the State has two authorized library laws, the one by the regents and the superintendent of Public Instruction; three State funds, the annual appropriation of \$55,000 for school libraries, a portion of the State library fund, \$25,000; also six kinds of libraries, school libraries, academic libraries, district libraries, public libraries, and county and town libraries maintained in two or more districts, villages or towns, and subsidized libraries, of those not owned or controlled by the State.

The various ways in which aid may be supported by tax or appropriation is outlined in the digest, which also contains a digest of the school library law, and the school library law, complete texts of which may be obtained on application to the regents.

MISS MCKLIZIE APPEALS.

Her Lawyer Says the Acts Complained of Do Not Constitute an Offense.

The legal warfare between the members of the Democratic Hand Yacht Club of Glen Cove and Mrs. Helen McKenzie, and her daughter, Miss Mary Helen McKenzie, who lives in a farm house near Garvie's Point, some distance out of Glen Cove, has apparently just begun. Lawyer Harrison S. Moore of Flushing, who appeared for Mrs. McKenzie and her daughter when they were convicted recently and fined for disorderly conduct, has appealed the case. He argues that the acts complained of took place on the premises of the defendants, and that no offense was committed. The witness for the prosecution, however, said he was not present at the trial, and that he had been absent from the courtroom at the time of the trial.

Lawyer Moore yesterday obtained an order from Justice Barnes of Brooklyn, directing that the trial be postponed until the next session of the Queens County court, on questions of law. The questions set up by Mr. Moore are that the facts proven do not constitute an offense, and that the state court had no jurisdiction to try the cases, and further, that the court had no jurisdiction to render a judgment of conviction.

NICOLINO AND TONY QUARRELED.
Now Nicolino is Dead, and His Playmate is Held Responsible.

Eight-year-old Nicolino Stalina of 128 Thompson street and seven-year-old Tony Ciquella of 61 Mulberry street quarreled while playing last Friday. Nicolino slapped Tony's face, and Tony kicked Nicolino in the stomach. Tony went home, while Nicolino became so ill that his parents had Tony arrested. He was charged with assault in the Jefferson Market Police Court, and was handed over to the care of Dr. McCleary's son. Nicolino died yesterday. His physician, Dr. Hogan of 30th Street, said he was not seriously injured, but the state court, which the court had no jurisdiction to try the cases, and further, that the court had no jurisdiction to render a judgment of conviction.

She Was Told to Stub Back and She Did.

Frank Bach is the janitor of the two buildings at 112 and 114 Elizabeth street. Among the tenants were Antonio Mazza and a woman named Ross who lived with her husband. Mazza tried to get Bach's place as janitor, and this caused bad feelings between the men. Yesterday afternoon Bach went to work. Mazza had a fit with Mrs. Bach. She told her husband about it when he came to dinner, and he demanded an explanation from Mazza. The result was a fight. Mazza caught hold of Bach, and called to the woman, "Get out of my house." Bach did as she was told, and Bach fell bleeding from a wound in his side. He was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital. Bach is not believed to be mortal. Mazza and Bach were held at the Tompkins Police Court to await the result of Bach's injuries.

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